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Mitchell to head Kentucky rural development center

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A Caldwell County native has risen to a position of prominence in the state's agricultural community.

Harvey Mitchell has joined the Center for Rural Development, based in Somerset, in the new position of director for agriculture outreach.



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Mitchell accepted the new position after serving for 17 years as general manager of the 7,000-acre Anderson Circle Farm, a premier cattle farm located near Harrodsburg in Mercer County.

Mitchell's selection was announced by officials with the Center for Rural Development this week.

"Through two years of regional forums across southern and eastern Kentucky, the center learned that some of the most

consistently listed concerns relate to agricultural and rural development issues — and rightly so,” Mitchell said.

“The economic future of our state is directly linked to agriculture, and our 42-county region of southern and eastern Kentucky comprises more than one-third of the state. The success of our region is a determining factor in the future success of the state as a whole.”

Mitchell said he saw his first-year priorities as being twofold.

The first task, he said, is assessing the current economic status of agriculture in the region: identifying which programs are working and which are not, then renewing or replacing them as needed.

“Job two is taking a lead role in the process of building bridges between the numerous ag resources and the farm community,” he said.

“There are many organizations, associations, institutions and a multitude of programs provided by each that could be of tremendous benefit to the Kentucky farmer, but we need someone to ‘connect the dots’ and help connect the programs to the producers.”

Lonnie Lawson, president and CEO of the Center for Rural Development, said he was excited about Mitchell’s addition and the renewed emphasis on agriculture at the center.

“Harvey’s unique perspective comes from his range of experience. He has been a successful farm manager and has also served as the Kentucky Department of Agriculture chief of staff for three years,” he said.

“His experience and knowledge of banking and finance, along with his leadership roles in many state and national agriculture associations, makes him an ideal fit for this new position.”